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MADISON . . . The Department of Regulation and Licensing announced that the following disciplinary orders were issued in September 2004.

Shelly Bradt, West Bend – Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing reprimanded Shelly Bradt and suspended her license for thirty days, effective September 30th, 2004. On several occasions, Bradt obtained information stored in a patient health care record about an acquaintance who was not her patient or her professional responsibility. She also obtained information about family members of her acquaintance who were not her patients or professional responsibility. Bradt was ordered to pay \$1,700 in costs. [LS0409162NUR]

James Cadwallader, Racine – Medicine and Surgery. The Medical Examining Board limited the license of James Cadwallader ordering him to maintain full compliance with all the terms and conditions imposed upon his West Virginia license. In March 2003, the West Virginia Board of Medicine issued a Consent Order limiting Cadwallader's license as a result of his application for a license. On the application Cadwallader disclosed that he had health problems which prevented him from delivering babies or performing major gynecological surgeries as an obstetrician gynecologist. [LS0409151MED]

Iris Dennard, Milwaukee – Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing reprimanded Iris Dennard and ordered her to complete at least 6 hours of continuing nursing education. Dennard administered the wrong medications to a patient and delayed informing her supervisor of the error when questioned about the matter. Dennard was also ordered to pay \$900 in costs. [LS0409163NUR]

Harold Dykema, Altoona – Chiropractor. The Chiropractic Examining Board suspended Harold Dykema for an indefinite period of time. In October 2003, the Board had suspended Dykema for at least six months. During this period of suspension, Dykema performed chiropractic services for a patient at his office and filed a claim for payment of those services while he was still suspended. Dykema was also ordered to pay \$754.13 in costs. [LS0403292CHI]

Suzanne Feige, Milwaukee – Barbering and Cosmetology Manager. The Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board ordered Suzanne Feige to pay \$200 in costs and a \$300 forfeiture. After an inspection of Bay View Beauty Shop, an establishment owned by Feige, it was revealed that the Hydrocide was not changed daily, curlers were heavily contaminated with hair, storage areas for the curlers were contaminated with hair, and poisonous substances were also stored in a public area in a non-locked area. [LS0409143BAC]

Robin Ferron, Brookfield – Physician and Surgeon. The Medical Examining Board suspended the license of Robin Ferron for a period of not less than five years and ordered her to pay \$700 in costs. Ferron was granted an initial three month stay of suspension upon compliance with certain terms and limitations specifying treatment, monitoring and practice limitations. Ferron was diagnosed in 1994 with and treated for alcohol and opioid dependency; she was later diagnosed with a mental health condition which affected her ability to manage her medical practice, and was convicted of bank fraud in March of 2003 while engaged in the practice of medicine as a solo practitioner. Ferron sold a piece of medical equipment from her office which had been pledged to a bank as collateral for a loan obtained to finance her practice. [LS0409152MED]

Emma Funk, Appleton – Dental Hygiene. The Dentistry Examining Board suspended Emma Funk for two weeks, effective October 1, 2004. Funk failed to perform minimally adequate dental prophylaxes of a number of long time patients at her place of employment. Funk was also ordered to pay a \$500 forfeiture and \$1,900 in costs. [LS0409011DEN]

Holly Gerstl, Hales Corners – Professional Nurse. The Board of Nursing indefinitely suspended the license of Holly Gerstl and ordered her to pay \$750 in costs. Gerstl may apply for a stay of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with specified limitations, including weekly therapy, sobriety, quarterly work reports, and enrollment in a drug and alcohol program. After being observed to be impaired while on duty, Gerstl refused to provide a urine sample at that time. However, a sample from the day before was positive for benzodiazepines and THC. Gerstl was diagnosed with polysubstance dependence and participated in treatment for her condition. In a later incident, while on duty, Gerstl was found unconscious in the medication room with a syringe placed in her arm. She was diagnosed with narcotic overdose. [LS0409164NUR]

Amy Gostonczik, Spooner – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing limited the license of Amy Gostonczik ordering her to complete 12 hours of continuing education and arrange for her employer to file quarterly reports evaluating her work performance. Gostonczik failed to conduct a home visit on a patient who required re-catheterization, and wrote physician orders for another patient without speaking with a physician to get the orders. [LS0409165NUR]

Raymond Hart, Black River Falls – Real Estate Broker. The Real Estate Board reprimanded Raymond Hart and ordered him to pay \$250 in costs. Hart failed to have a client sign a lead-based paint disclosure form when the client showed an interest in making an offer on a house. Instead, Hart signed the client's name. [LS0409232REB]

Daniel Hartsell, Alexandria, MN – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board accepted the Stipulation signed by Hartsell in which he agreed not to engage in the practice of Veterinary medicine under his current license and he agreed not to renew his license to practice veterinary medicine in Wisconsin at any time in the future. The Board's action is based upon restrictions placed on Hartsell's Minnesota license by the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine complaint Review Committee in 2003. Hartsell was also ordered to pay \$250 in costs. [LS0404231VET]

Linda Heck, Watertown – Real Estate Broker. The Real Estate Board revoked the license of Linda Heck after receiving information that Heck was convicted of Theft in a Business Setting of an amount in excess of \$2,500. The theft occurred during the course of Heck's employment in a position that does not require a real estate license. [LS0409233REB]

Pauline Hobbins, St. Francis – Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended the license of Pauline Hobbins and ordered her to pay \$600 in costs. An initial stay of suspension was granted upon compliance with certain limitations such as weekly therapy, sobriety, quarterly work reports, and enrollment in a drug and alcohol program. While seeking employment, Hobbins tested positive for cocaine or its metabolites in a pre-employment drug screen. After being diagnosed with alcohol abuse and other mental health issues, respondent participated in treatment for her condition. [LS0409166NUR]

Donald Keys, St. Paul, MN – Clinical Social Worker. Following a hearing, the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board revoked the license of Donald Keys and ordered him to pay the costs of the proceeding. Keys was previously convicted of attempted sodomy with a child, which he failed to mention on his application for a credential with the Department. The Board noted that at the time of hearing, Keys was in addition also charged with both production and possession of child pornography. [LS0407152SOC]

Donald Knutson, Westfield – Real Estate Broker. The Real Estate Board reprimanded Donald Knutson and ordered him to complete certain education. Knutson utilizes a Trust Account with the Montello State Bank designated ReMax Country Realty IBERTA Trust Account. When the Department of Regulation and Licensing performed an audit on Knutson's trust account, discrepancies were discovered such as an inadequate journal, bank reconciliation not completed in writing, trial balances were not performed in writing, and validations were not performed. Knutson was also ordered to pay \$300 in costs and a \$350 forfeiture. [LS0409234REB]

Diane Kuether, St. Petersburg, FL – Professional Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended the license of Diane Kuether and ordered her to pay \$750 in costs. Kuether may apply for a stay of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with specified limitations such as weekly therapy, sobriety, quarterly work reports, and enrollment in a drug and alcohol program. In 1999, Kuether was convicted of felony OWI and later placed on parole with a rule prohibiting her from consuming alcohol. In 2001, Kuether arrived for work with the distinct odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath which she stated was from beer she consumed the previous night. In another incident she informed staff that the odor was a result of soaking her dentures in mouthwash which contained alcohol. She was most recently admitted for alcohol detoxification treatment in May, 2003. Kuether has refused to release her full chart to the Board. [LS0409167NUR]

Janice Kurth, Green Lake – Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended Janice Kurth for one year and ordered her to pay \$300 in costs. On multiple separate occasions, in 2002 and 2003, Kurth stole over \$1,000 from a patient with dementia. [LS0405111NUR]

Deanne Lane, Jefferson – Real Estate Broker. The Real Estate Board suspended Deanne Lane for 21 days. A complaint against another broker alleged that the other broker disclosed confidential pricing information to Lane, who in turn advised the complainant of that information. The information was later used in developing the complainant's offer to purchase real estate. [LS0409235REB]

Debra Leciejewski-Noskoviak, Ashland – Real Estate Broker; Struthers Realty LLC, Ashland – Real Estate Business Entity. The Real Estate Board accepted the voluntary surrender of both Debra Leciejewski-Noskoviak and Struthers Realty. Noskoviak, owner of Struthers Realty, on two separate occasions, instead of placing the earnest money into a real estate trust account, Debra used earnest money received from clients to pay personal bills. Noskoviak was later convicted in Circuit Court for these two incidents. [LS0409236REB]

Michael McKown, Boise, ID – Veterinarian. The Veterinary Examining Board reprimanded Michael McKown and ordered him not to practice in Wisconsin without Board approval. In 2002, the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine ordered McKown to complete continuing education course work because of his failure to complete a full physical examination prior to proceeding with surgical treatment, and failure to comply with record keeping standards. McKown was also ordered to pay \$150 in costs. [LS0409292VET]

John Poser, Gainseville, FL – Physician and Surgeon. The Medical Examining Board reprimanded John Poser, ordered him to maintain full compliance with all limitations placed on his license by Florida and ordered him to pay \$300 in costs. Poser was disciplined by the State of Florida Board of Medicine in connection with a 1997 incident where he failed to take appropriate action on a patient while performing liposuction. After stabilizing the patient's vital signs, Poser resumed the liposuction procedure without obtaining a medical evaluation of the patient's physical status. As a result, the patient remained in a persistent unconscious state due to anoxic brain injury. [LS0409153MED]

Patricia Ramsey, St. Francis – Real Estate Salesperson. The Real Estate Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Patricia Ramsey. Ramsey failed to inform the Department of Regulation and Licensing of misdemeanor theft convictions. [LS0409237REB]

Sheila Reichert, Wisconsin Rapids – Social Worker. The Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board reprimanded Sheila Reichert and ordered her to complete continuing education. Reichert failed to avoid dual relationships with certain foster parents while employed by PATH (Professional Association of Treatment Homes), a treatment foster care agency. Reichert was also ordered to pay \$300 in costs. [LS0409291SOC]

Timothy Schmidt, Racine – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board ordered Timothy Schmidt to complete continuing education and to pay \$1,050 in costs. Schmidt prescribed Rimadyl for a canine patient, when the patient was taking Prednisone, without carefully monitoring the patient for drug interactions. [LS0409293VET]

Sandra Seck, Racine – Registered Nurse. The Board of Nursing reprimanded Sandra Seck and ordered her to pay \$500 in costs. Seck failed to complete a count of controlled substances when her shift was over. As a result, the count came up short when inventory was done on the next shift. There was no evidence that Seck diverted the missing drugs. [LS0407141NUR]

Jagmohan Singh, Shorewood – Veterinary Medicine. The Veterinary Examining Board limited the license of Jagmohan Singh and ordered him to pay \$1,150 in costs. Singh diagnosed a feline patient as having swallowed staples and recommended exploratory surgery to locate and remove the staples. After the owner of the feline took the cat to another doctor for a second opinion, it was found that the staples were hemi clips used in a previous ovariohysterectomy procedure. The cat was prescribed an anti-inflammatory in addition to another course of Clavamox and recovered completely. [LS0404305VET]

Robert Slowik, Antigo – Real Estate Broker; Century 21 Northside Realty LLC, Antigo – Real Estate Business Entity. The Real Estate Board reprimanded Robert Slowik and Century 21 Northside Realty. An audit performed on Slowik and Century's real estate trust account revealed there were no ledger entries, no trial balances were performed, and validations were not performed. Slowik was also ordered to pay \$500 in costs. [LS0409238REB]

Sheila Steiner, Green Bay – Licensed Practical Nurse. The Board of Nursing accepted the voluntary surrender of Sheila Steiner's license. Steiner, who has a history drug and alcohol abuse, informed the Department of Regulation and Licensing that she has in addition physical limitations and offered the surrender of her license. Steiner was also ordered to pay \$200 in costs. [LS0409168NUR]

James Tait, Minocqua – Real Estate Broker; Tait Realty Inc., Minocqua – Real Estate Business Entity. The Real Estate Board reprimanded James Tait and Tait Realty. Tait and Tait Realty allowed an employee to be involved in real estate transactions after her license expired. Tait and Tait Realty are also both ordered to pay \$500 in costs and a \$250 forfeiture. [LS0409239REB]

John Weibel, Manchester, IA – Medicine and Surgery. The Medical Examining Board ordered John Weibel to complete 20 hours of continuing education in cardiac and pulmonary emergency diagnosis and treatment. In January 2001, while working in the emergency room, Weibel failed to properly evaluate a patient who was complaining of shortness of breath, dizziness and chest pain, after having a bunion and hammertoe surgery on her left foot in December 2000. [LS0409154MED]

Susan Williams, Tomahawk – Real Estate Broker. The Real Estate Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Susan Williams' license. An investigation by the Department of Regulation and Licensing involved allegations of misappropriation of tenant funds, altering documents, falsifying documents and forgery. Williams offered to resolve the investigation by surrender her right to renew her license. [LS04092310REB]

Warren Witkowski, New London – Chiropractor. Following a hearing, the Chiropractic Examining Board suspended Warren Witkowski for at least two years. The Board found that Witkowski engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient; negated the co-payment or deductible provisions of a contract of insurance by agreeing to forgive the patient's obligation for payment under the contract and failed to reduce his claim to the insurance carrier in regard to the patient by an equal proportion; and knowingly falsified patient records. Witkowski is appealing the discipline against him. Therefore, the discipline is stayed and he is currently eligible to practice. [LS0207231CHI]

Maria Zeinz, South Milwaukee – Professional Nurse. The Board of Nursing suspended Maria Zeinz and ordered her to pay \$350 in costs. Zeinz may apply for a stay of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with specified limitations, including weekly therapy, sobriety, quarterly work reports, and enrollment in a drug and alcohol program. Zeinz diverted controlled substances from her employer for her personal use and, on another occasion, phoned a pharmacy and ordered a controlled substance without the authorization of a physician. [LS0409169NUR]

All orders are based on an agreement unless otherwise noted. For a copy of any of the above orders, call Kelly Niesen (608) 267-7215. The complete text of orders is available at the Department's website: <http://.drl.wi.gov>

